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Federal Election Commission  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

The Illinois Republican Party (FEC ID# C00005926) is filing amendments to all of its previous FEC reports for 2004 activity in response to your Requests for Additional Information dated January 7, 2005 and February 4, 2005.

The Party made no co-ordinated expenditures on behalf of any federal candidates in 2005. The disbursements previously disclosed on Schedule F were reported in error by a staff member who was unfamiliar with the Commission's reporting guidelines for such expenditures.

Specifically, the referenced payments to Arena Communications and to the US Postmaster were for non-allocable volunteer-exempt mailings (and were actually described in this manner on the Party's original reports). These mailings were conducted with substantial volunteer involvement as required under the guidelines of 11 CFR 100.87. Accordingly, these disbursements are now reported on Schedule B for Line 30b on the amended reports.

The referenced payments to Western Wats were for a generic "Vote Republican" phone bank activity that, in accordance with 11 CFR 100.25, did not mention or reference any federal candidate to those receiving the calls. These disbursements have likewise been reported on Schedule B for Line 30b on the amended filings.

The referenced payments to Advantage, Inc. represented a get-out-the vote activity conducted on behalf of a non-federal candidate. Therefore, these payments have been moved to Schedule B for Line 29b. In this manner, the Party has now correctly reported the expenditures previously listed as co-ordinated expenditures, and has retained the necessary documentation regarding these payments.

The amendments also address the other issues raised in your letters. The year-to-date totals for the receipts of transfers from the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican National Committee have been corrected, and we have confirmed that these transfers were not used for any impermissible disbursements for Federal Election Activity.

Further, we have corrected the aggregate totals you referenced on the Schedule L Aggregation page. And, by amending all of the reports for 2004 activity, we have corrected the aggregate totals for Schedule H-4.

The receipts from the federal candidate committees referenced in your letters did not represent reimbursements for services provided. As you requested, we have noted that these receipts were transfers from these committees. And, we can confirm that the transfers to our non-federal account of \$100,000 and \$60,000 were merely for cash-flow purposes, and were not used in any way by the non-federal account to finance activity in connection with any federal election.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,